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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Durval RIBEIRO, et al.

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For: **PLUG-IN MODULE FOR PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

12. (New) An apparatus for adding functionality to a portable electronic device,

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a housing means sized to be accepted by a housing part of a portable electronic

device; and

securing means for securing said portable electronic device to said housing;

wherein said securing means includes at least one latch, each latch comprising a

first member, a second member, and a third member, each member having a first end and a

second end, the first end of the first member connected to the first end of the second member

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